



Workforce & Economic Opportunity Workgroup Minutes

DATE: Friday, May 4, 2018

TIME: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

LOCATION: Five Oak Building
Willamette Conference Room
421 SW Oak Street
Portland, OR 97204

ATTENDEES: Margaret Black, Caitlin Campbell, Jennifer Chang, Clay Cooper, Lindsey Davis, Amy Fleck-Rosete, William Kennedy, Ricardo Lopez, Steve Richard, Jeff Riddle, Blair Schaeffer-Bisht, Kenyatta Trice.

MEETING DISCUSSION

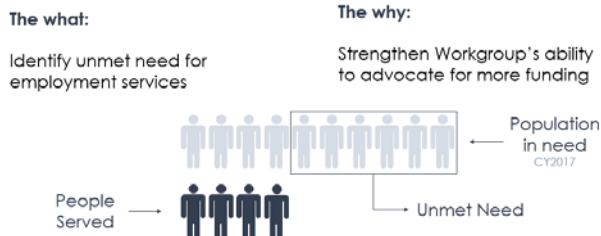
• General Announcements and Updates

- Clay Cooper, Central City Concern (CCC), was welcomed as the new co-chair of the Workforce & Economic Opportunity Workgroup (WEO).
 - Clay will serve as co-chair alongside Andrew McGough from Worksystems.
- Workforce funding through A Home for Everyone (AHFE) is stable for the next year and includes a slight bump for cost of living allowance (COLA) increases.
- Black Parent Initiative (BPI) is hosting a community based advisory group called “[Getting Ahead in a Just Getting By World.](#)” Chuck Smith from BPI sent a flyer that was distributed to the group.
 - Group 1 will run on Tuesdays from May 15th through July 10th, 6-8 PM.
 - Group 2 will run on Mondays from June 4 through August 20th, 6-8 PM.
 - For more information visit the BPI website: <http://www.thebpi.org/single-post/2018/04/05/Bridges-Out-of-Poverty-Groups-1-2>.
- Clay made an announcement about CCC’s Community Volunteer Corps program.
 - The program provides clients with work hours at local nonprofits to help develop job skills and prepare them for fulltime employment.
 - After working a set number of hours, clients receive a stipend.
 - The program is working to get more referrals on the eastside/Gresham area. Learn more about this program at <http://www.centralcityconcern.org/services/employment/community-volunteer-corps/>.

• Workforce & Economic Opportunity Workgroup (WEO) Data Subcommittee Update

- Steve Richard, Joint Office of Homeless Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation based on information discussed at the subcommittee meeting to help identify the employment services gap and unmet need.
 - Steve described the methods by which the numbers for various categories were developed.
 - The following slides show there is a significant unmet need.

What we did & why



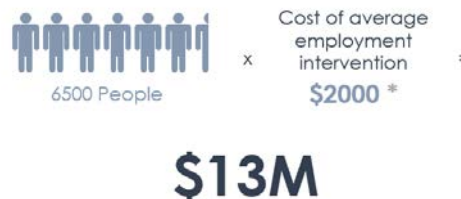
What we found



Over
6500* adults
who needed employment
services couldn't get them.

*given that 5000 were served in CY2017.

Closing the Gap



Methods: 11,508 people in need



Methods: Population in need



- The group discussed pulling data from I-TRAC (the employment database) to get a sense of the number of people receiving services, including demographic categories so that we can try to cross tabulate the information with the HMIS data run.
 - The subcommittee will hope to bring this data along with a further demographic breakdown of the 11,508 number (including the population category, youth, adult, family, etc.) so that we can begin conversations about prioritization of populations and their respective service needs.
- Clay suggested that from this data exercise, we identify five potential asks and funding opportunities to help close the gap between the community's need for services and its capacity to provide those services.
- **Mandatory Relocation Policy and Housing Bond Update**
 - Jennifer Chang, Portland Housing Bureau (PHB), informed the group about the new City of Portland mandate that covers renters in Portland who are served a no-cause eviction, receive a rent increase of 10% or higher over a 12-month period, or receive a substantial change in their lease terms or who do not receive the option to renew their lease must be paid relocation assistance by their landlord.

- Tenants must receive written notice for any of these events at least 90 days prior to the effective date, except for units being sold conditioned upon federal mortgage financing where a 60-day notice is required.
- This applies to all rental units within the City of Portland that are managed by a landlord or property management company and have either month-to-month rental agreements or fixed-terms tenancies, such as 6 month or 1 year leases.
- More information is provided on the PHB website and on the phone hotline.
<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/phb/74544>.
- Jennifer Chang provided an update on the Affordable Housing Bond.
 - In November 2016 voters approved a \$258.4 million bond to purchase land and existing buildings to develop new affordable housing.
 - During March through August of 2017, a stakeholder advisory group was convened to develop a policy framework for these funds that included things such as production goals, priority communities, location priorities, guidelines for development and operations, and reporting metrics.
 - Production goals include 1,300 units of affordable housing for households with incomes at or below 60% of the Area Median Income.
 - ◆ Of those 1,300 units, 300 units will be supportive housing units and 650 will be family sized units.
 - The policy framework was adopted by the City of Portland and Multnomah County in October 2017.
 - To date, the Ellington was purchased and will provide 263 affordable housing units, and a lot at 30th and Powell was purchased and 200 units will be constructed on the site.
 - The group mentioned that we should keep these additional housing units on our radar to ensure we work with other providers to bring employment services to folks in these new units.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM

1. WEO Data Subcommittee – demographic breakdowns and I-TRAC data run.
2. Identify (5) funding opportunities to help close the gap.
3. HSI to prep for a program presentation at the next meeting.

ASSIGNED

WEO Data Subcommittee

WEO Workgroup
Ricardo Lopez
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NEXT MEETING

Friday, June 1, 2018
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